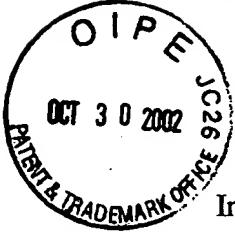


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PATENT APPLICATION



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In re Application of:

Yasuo Yamao, et al.

Serial No.: 09/511,824

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For: IMMUNOASSAY METHOD FOR
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Responsive to the Office Action of April 26, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following newly drafted Claims 13-23.

1 13. (New) An agglutination immunoassay method of quantifying a
2 predetermined antigen in a sample of whole blood, comprising the steps of:
3 providing a sample of the whole blood;
4 adding a hemolysis reagent and a latex reagent directly to the sample of
5 the whole blood without any pre-treatment of the whole blood;

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